

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1526**

April 7, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Task Force (Task Force) of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Requires the Task Force to assist local law enforcement agencies at their request regarding a case involving certain offenses. Requires the TBI to cover the expenditures for development and implementation of the Task Force.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$405,400/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/TBI**

Assumptions:

- Per the language of this legislation, the Task Force shall assist a local law enforcement agency that requests assistance regarding a case involving offenses of domestic abuse, domestic assault, child abuse and child neglect or endangerment, aggravated child abuse and aggravated child neglect and endangerment, and child sexual abuse by setting deadlines for the local law enforcement agency, providing resources and surveillance, and conducting additional witness interviews.
- A local law enforcement agency is required to request assistance from the Task Force if, in relation with one of the aforementioned offenses, an arrest warrant issued in relation to the case is unable to be served within 72 hours or a search warrant issued in relation to the case is unable to be served within five 5 days.
- It is currently unknown exactly how many cases this legislation may impact.
- According to the TBI's CrimeInsight program, in 2019 there were 70,620 domestic violence arrests and 3,091 non-consensual sexual offense where the victim was under 18 years of age. This does not account for the other offenses.
- It can be reasonably assumed that the Task Force will be called to assist a minimum of 10 percent of these, or 7,371  $[(70,620 + 3,091) \times 10\%]$ .
- This workload cannot be accommodated with TBI's current staff. The Bureau would require an additional six criminal investigators (two per Grand Division), as well as three vehicles.
- The recurring salary and benefits for an individual TBI criminal investigator is \$64,063 (\$49,153 salary + \$14,910 benefits).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$405,378  $[(\$64,063 \text{ salary and benefits} + \$1,800 \text{ supplies} \times 6) + (\$3,400 \text{ vehicle lease and maintenance} \times 3)]$  in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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